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Ninth session
New York, 30 May-2 June 1995

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Administrator

1. By its resolution 49/96 of 19 December 1994, the General Assembly requested the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, at its ninth session from 30 May to 2 June 1995, to include in its agenda an item entitled "New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries." On the basis of its consideration of the report prepared on the subject by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the High-level Committee is expected to adopt appropriate policy decisions.

2. By its resolution 48/172 of 21 December 1993, the General Assembly endorsed the report of the High-level Committee on its eighth session, 1/ including the recommendations and decisions contained therein, and reaffirmed its endorsement of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 2/ and the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries.

3. By its decision 38/441 of 19 December 1983, the General Assembly took note of the report of the High-level Committee on the work of its third session 3/ and thereby of the following arrangements for the fourth and subsequent sessions, as outlined in paragraph 81 of the report:

(a) The session will be scheduled for a duration of up to one week prior to the annual session of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board, on the understanding that, after translation of the draft report and any draft decisions, a further meeting of the Committee will then be scheduled during the following week, if

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necessary to adopt the report. In conformity with the arrangements set out above, the general debate will be conducted in plenary meetings from 30 May to 1 June 1995;

(b) Based on the views and suggestions expressed during the general debate, the Working Group will then meet, as of the third working day of the session, to elaborate draft decisions and recommendations. Thus, two simultaneous meetings are required for only one day during the Committee's session.

4. The annex to the present note contains a tentative programme of work for the session. The Committee may wish to decide that, once the list of speakers for the plenary meetings on 30 May and 1 June is exhausted, and if sufficient meeting time remains, the Working Group would be convened immediately thereafter, thereby ensuring full utilization of the available conference services.

5. All meetings will be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In view of the limited time and services at the Committee's disposal, it will be important that all meetings start promptly at the scheduled time. In an effort to make the best use of all services, and in line with the practice of the General Assembly and other bodies, it is also suggested that for the current session the Committee waive the relevant part of rule 16 of its rules of procedure (TCDC/2/Rev.1), which stipulates that the President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the States participating are present.

6. To plan for the efficient conduct of the three-day general debate on items 5, 6 and 7 of the provisional agenda (TCDC/9/L.1), it is proposed that a list of speakers be opened at UNDP headquarters, Division of External Relations (telephone 906-5744) on Wednesday, 10 May 1995, and closed at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 May 1995. Following past practice as endorsed by the General Assembly, statements in the general debate will be limited to no more than 15 minutes for representatives of States and 10 minutes for other participants. In order to save time, several States or groups of States sharing common positions may also wish to consider presenting joint statements. Delegations wishing to have their statements circulated to all participants are requested to provide 300 copies to the secretariat, which will arrange for their circulation in the language or languages received.

7. Rule 10 of the Committee's rules of procedure stipulates that its officers are the President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The Working Group may wish to follow the practice of previous sessions whereby the Vice-President presiding over the Working Group would serve as its Chairman-cum-Rapporteur. Based on previous practice and taking into account General Assembly decision 33/417 of 14 December 1978 on the organization of the work of United Nations bodies, it is urged that the regional groups start consultations on the nomination of candidates to fill these elective posts well in advance of the session with a view to agreeing on a slate of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled, thus allowing all offices of the Committee to be elected by acclamation and dispensing with the requirement for secret balloting.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/48/39).

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/38/39).

Annex

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK

	TUESDAY 30 May 1995		WEDNESDAY 31 May 1995		THURSDAY 1 June 1995		FRIDAY 2 June 1995		THURSDAY 8 June 1995	
	a.m.	p.m.*	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Plenary meetings	Opening of the session (1) Organizational matters (2), (3) and (4) General debate and review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of the High-level Committee and the implementation of the South Commission report (5) New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries (6) Consideration of the reports by the Bureau and the Administrator (7)	Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued)	Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued)	Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued)	Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued)					Adoption of report of the Working Group (8) Provisional agenda for the 1997 session of the High-level Committee (9) Other matters (10) Adoption of the report of the High-level Committee (11)
Working group					Election of Rapporteur; Organization of work; Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the decisions of the High-level Committee and the implementation of the South Commission report (5) New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries (6)	Items (5) and (6) (continued) Consideration of reports by the Bureau and the Administrator (7) Draft decision		Items (5), (6) and (7) (continued) Draft decision		

Note: The meeting of the High-level Committee scheduled for 8 June 1995 for the adoption of the report of the Committee is provisional. Depending on the progress of work in the Committee and the work programme of the 1995 session of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board, the date could be changed and a new date announced in the Journal of the United Nations.

* The 1995 Paul Hoffman lecture on the subject "Social conscience of a liberalizing economy" will be delivered by Manmohan Singh, Minister of Finance of India, on Tuesday 30 May 1995 at 5 p.m.